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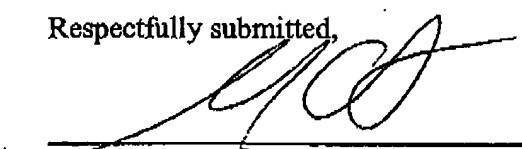
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Remarks

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner granting a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney on January 21, 2005. In that interview, the amendments to claims one presented in this amendment were discussed. Claims 1-4, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Snowdon, et al. Applicants hereby enter an amendment to claim 1 in order to clarify that the receiving element substantially surrounds and houses the conductive connecting member. No new matter has been added as the drawings clearly show this arrangement. Snowdon, et al., neither teaches nor suggests that its mounting strap 8 substantially surrounds the coil spring 6. Snowdon, et al., in contradistinction, teaches the mounting strap 8 simply passing through the coil spring 6 to retain it on one side to the conductive plate 4. Applicants therefore contend that claim 1 as amended is patentably distinct from Snowdon, et al., and reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 2-4, 8, and 9 are also believed to be patentably distinct since they depend from claim 1. Reconsideration of those claims is also respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-7, 10, and 11. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 12-22. Claim 12 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Passage of this application to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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